

recreation. Twenty-seven projects are modified and the Corps is directed to conduct 43 separate studies throughout the Nation. The projects have the support of a local sponsor willing to share the cost of the project. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the total Federal cost of this bill will be \$2.3 billion over the next 10 years.

Many of the projects contained in this bill are necessary to protect the nation's shorelines, along oceans, lakes and rivers. Several of the navigation projects need timely authorization in order to keep our ports competitive in the global marketplace. Furthermore, the study authorizations, including a comprehensive, cumulative impact study of the Yellowstone River in my home state of Montana, need to get started to help us make informed decisions about the future use and management of these precious resources.

The projects in this bill have been reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers and have been found to be in the Federal interest, technologically feasible, economically justified and environmentally sound. In other words, these are projects worthy of our support.

I am pleased to bring this bill to the floor and urge my colleagues to approve it.

AMENDMENT NO. 253

(Purpose: To make managers' amendments)

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, there is a managers' amendment at the desk. I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], for Mr. CHAFEE, proposes an amendment numbered 253.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the amendment be considered as read and agreed to, the committee substitute be agreed to, as amended, the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 253) was agreed to.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

[The bill was not available for printing. It will appear in a future issue of the RECORD.]

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:31 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 19, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ROBERT WAYNE GEE, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (FOSSIL ENERGY).